



DSPL 9 Weekly Newsletter 11

05.03.25



Good practice sharing event: Interventions for CYP with SEND

Following the success of assessments good practice sharing events last term, the DSPL 9 SEND Review group are pleased to invite you to the follow up session this term.

The focus of the spring term event will be interventions for CYP with SEND. In order for this session to be productive and useful, we are asking those SENCOs who attend to share prior to the event the interventions they currently use in school. The intention is that this will be used to develop a live directory of interventions that can be used by all SENCOs across the local area. In addition to this, we ask that you **bring the intervention materials to the event** to be displayed, shared and discussed.

Date: Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Time: 1.30-3.30pm

Venue: The Grove Academy, Fourth Ave, Watford WD25 9RH

Please note: All attending, colleagues are expected to complete this [google form](#) prior to the event and bring with them any interventions they are using. By completing the google form you are agreeing to your information (including email address) being shared across DSPL 9 with local SENCOs.

Outline for the session:

1.30-1.50	HFL Using interventions for CYP with SEND
1.50-2.25	Small group discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions for Cognition and Learning • Interventions for Communication and Interaction
2.25-2.40	Coffee break: Opportunity to look at the interventions on display/network
2.40-3.20	Small group discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions for SEMH • Interventions for Physical and Sensory
3.20-3.30	Q&A session: Further questions around any of the interventions you have seen or heard about.

To book a place on this session please follow the link below ensuring you state your role within the school:

<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1555034>

Any questions regarding this event please contact Gemma Hall on gemmahall@dsplarea9.org.uk

DSPL 9 SENCo Surgeries: February 2025

Myself and Mandy Brandon will be available on Tuesday 11th March and 6th May from 8-8.30am to answer any questions of queries that you may have. Please use the links below to access these opportunities:

Tuesday 11 th March	Tuesday 6 th May
Microsoft Teams Need help? <u>Join the meeting now</u> Meeting ID: 383 129 143 599 Passcode: aUcMaJ	Microsoft Teams Need help? <u>Join the meeting now</u> Meeting ID: 353 577 784 411 Passcode: wgKaDz



DSPL 9 Specialist Transition Support

Don't forget the deadline for secondary transition support referrals is 31st March.

For further information please click [here](#) or contact Lisa Sillitoe on lisasillitoe@dsplarea9.org.uk



Preparation for Adulthood from the earliest years

What is Preparing for Adulthood (PfA)?

Why is it important for children and young people?

How do we ensure PfA focus at all ages and stages?

What is available/on offer across Hertfordshire?

What this means in EHCPs?

How to ensure the 'golden thread'

- **Thursday 6th March – 9.30-11.30am**
Please book your space using the link below
<https://events.hertfordshire.gov.uk/send-academy/preparing-for-adulthood-pfa-from-the-earliest-years>
- **Monday 31st March – 1.30-3.30pm**
Please book your space using the link below
<https://events.hertfordshire.gov.uk/send-academy/preparing-for-adulthood-pfa-from-the-earliest-years-copy>

If you can not join this meeting but would like to receive a recording please email

policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk



We look forward to seeing you.
SEND QA Team



EBSA Support: Tier 3 Solution Circles

Being listened to by professionals who have an understanding of the complex difficulties/barriers for the child concerned.

Being signposted to different professional agencies that could offer support.

To have input from professionals not involved with the child – a fresh pair of eyes.

Places are available for SENCos to attend the following EBSA tier 3 solution circles:

Monday 24th March and Monday 28th April:

Primary: 12.30-2pm

Secondary: 2.30-4pm

To book your place please contact admin@dsplarea9.org.uk.

For all DSPL 9 EBSA support information, please click [here](#).



DSPL 9

Benchmarking and Planning Tool Sessions

DSPL 9 would like to invite SENCos to attend either of the sessions provided to take time to complete their Benchmarking and Planning Tool and reflect upon their current practice prior to the survey in the summer term.

Purpose of the session:

- Completion of the Benchmarking and Planning Tool
- Dedicated time to consider each of the 5 outcomes and if the school is working at an emerging, expected or exemplary level.
- Celebrate the areas that are working well and consider those areas that need to be developed.
- Network with other local SENCos and discuss aspects of the tool.

Date: Thursday 3rd April 2025

Time: 9.30-11.30 **OR** 1.30-3.30pm

Venue: The Green Room, Bournehall Primary School

To book your place please use the link below

<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1489408>



Thinking of setting up internal; inclusion provision (IAP)?

HfL Education have produced a helpful guide that outlines practical steps for setting up an effective and sustainable IAP. You can find this on [The Grid](#).



Hertfordshire ADHD Training



Cost- £150 per delegate* Date-19/05/2025
 Time- 9:30-3:30 Venue- Herts Development Centre
 *Unable to refund once booked, however, places can be transferred across to another person

New SENDSAS Level 2 ADHD training

Suitable for teaching and support staff in primary, secondary or special schools and Educational Support Centres.

*Not advised for Early Years teachers.

To book please email ADHDTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk with your name and setting. Your booking will be confirmed by email.

Aims of the training:

- To develop your **understanding of ADHD** and its impact on learners
- To give you **practical ideas and strategies** to support learners with ADHD to achieve their full potential
- To build a **pro-active and positive** culture of understanding ADHD

ADHD Level 2 training	
ADHD Level 2 - Centrally delivered (Cost Per delegate)	£150
Inset for whole setting- Full day inset	Free
2 x twilights	Free

Hot drinks and Lunch are available to purchase from the canteen onsite

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION (NPQ) FOR SENCOs



A collaborative programme from HFL Education - complete the new mandatory SENCO qualification locally

With the combined expertise of HFL Education, Eastern Partnership UK (SEND), part of the HFL Education family, and CEFEL, this qualification draws on over 15 years of excellence in supporting SEND leaders through the National Award for SEN Coordination (NASENCO).

Why choose this qualification?

- An 18-month blended delivery model, tailored to new and aspiring SENCOs.
- Coaching from experienced HFL Education Advisers.
- Opportunities for networking within local groups.
- Optional progression to the Advanced SENCO Award and further to an MEd, through accreditation with the University of Bolton.

This qualification ensures:

- Compliance with the statutory requirement for new SENCOs to complete the NPQ for SENCOs within three years of appointment.
- Leadership development for both strategic and operational SEND responsibilities.
- Alignment with the eight standards of the 2024 DfE NPQ for SENCOs Framework.
- Teaching excellence through the Activate, Teach, Practice, and Apply cycle developed with CEFEL.

Delivered by highly respected SEND experts, this qualification reflects HFL Education's commitment to supporting inclusive leadership and effective SEND practice.



“ I really enjoyed my time studying the SENCO qualification and feel much more confident in my practice. ”

“ Tutors and supervisors were experienced, knowledgeable and interesting, and I felt supported by my fellow students and staff. ”
 Hertfordshire SENCO



Book and find out more - visit www.easternpartnership.co.uk or contact easternp.send@hfleducation.org

Registration is open now and closes on March 21st - limited funding is available from the DfE if people act quickly.

SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICE

SENCO GUIDE



Language Groups

PRIMARY LANGUAGE GROUPS

We are offering free training and resources for schools to run 3 different 12 week groups focusing on understanding language and talking for children in Reception-Year 3.

Over 100 schools are running these groups and outcomes indicate that by the end of the groups language difficulties had resolved in 28% of children involved. Click on the image for more information!

SECONDARY LANGUAGE GROUPS

Secondary schools are now able to sign up for training to run a language group for KS3 students with the aim to help them explore supportive language strategies to increase self management of their language difficulties in the classroom. Click on the image for more information!

HSCA

We have launched the Hertfordshire Shining Communication Award (HSCA). This is a tool for schools to help improve the universal support for children with communication needs by supporting settings to identify their strengths and areas for development with the support of their SaLT Education Lead. It is free for schools to participate in this award - click on the image for more information!

Making a Referral

All referrals are made via our website. We generally advise schools to complete referrals for school aged children by providing information about the child's difficulties, the impact and the targeted support trialled for 1 term (graduated response cycle). See our website for more detailed referral guidance.

Training Offer

We offer a huge range of free in person and virtual training courses covering a range of topics including supporting social communication, selective mutism and Colourful Semantics. Two staff members per school can attend each session. Training dates are released termly and can be booked via the website - click on the image to book your place now!

SENCo Liaison Meetings

We offer all mainstream schools in Herts the opportunity to book a virtual meeting with a member of the SaLT team twice per academic year. SENCos can access advice for specific pupils, discuss new referrals and discuss their school's training needs. Meetings can be booked online and the link to book a meeting is sent to schools at the end of each term.

Get in Touch!

Each school has an allocated cluster link email address they can use to access advice and support from a member of the team at any time. If you would like a reminder of your school's cluster link email address please email hct.cyptherapies1@nhs.net

Social media

Facebook: @HERTSCYPT
X: @Herts_CYPT
Instagram: @herts_cypt

Contact Details

Email: hct.cyptherapies1@nhs.net
Telephone: 01923 470 680 (option 3)
Website: [link](#)



Hertfordshire Community
NHS Trust

Dear Senco

We are currently looking into creating a new Targeted Language Group to support children in years 5 and 6.

We would love to hear your thoughts on this.

Please can you fill in this quick questionnaire by 10th March

2025. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sITDN7CF9UeyIge0jXdO4x2rVeuCCQJLpRqI0AJ04INUJmBNSVdXMDZCWFETVIXQUNNSIpKQkdRSiQIQCN0PWcu>

Kind Regards

Hadassa and Laura

Hadassa Kendler and Laura Robson

Speech and Language Therapists - Education Leads for DSPLs 6 & 9



You and Your Mental Health

Empowering Hertfordshire's young people with knowledge and support for their mental wellbeing

As part of the campaign, we're challenging young people, families and schools across Hertfordshire to time to learn about and talk about mental health and what it means to them. Trying new activities, utilising a breadth of resources to find what suits them best on their wellbeing journey.

The campaign kicks off on March 10th 2025, across social media and a dedicated webpage justtalkherts.org/yourmentalhealth full of resources, top tips and support.

Facebook: [JustTalkHerts](https://www.facebook.com/JustTalkHerts) Instagram: [@JustTalkHerts](https://www.instagram.com/JustTalkHerts) Twitter: [@JustTalkHerts](https://twitter.com/JustTalkHerts)

Hertfordshire's System Wide Conference

Children and Young People's MENTAL HEALTH 2025

Hertfordshire's Children and Young People's Mental Health Services system invites mental health, social care, health and education professionals to explore themes and topics which support 'curating resilience'.

Commencing with an opening agenda of speakers from across the county, join us in person at the **University of Hertfordshire** on **Wednesday 23 April**. The conference continues virtually with a series of webinar sessions in the days after.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Wednesday 23 April, 9am to 1pm
Weston Auditorium | University of Hertfordshire

Questions?
E: [schoolsmlh@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsmh@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

BOOK YOUR SEAT HERE

MH LDR
Herts Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Health and Care Partnership
Hertfordshire

<https://events.hertfordshire.gov.uk/events/hertfordshire-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-system-conference>



CYPMHS February Newsletter

There is a range of information in this month's issue including:

- New funded counselling from April 2025
- The Sandbox Academy

To access the newsletter please click [here](#).

Road to Year 7 Group

4pm - 5pm
every Tuesday
& Wednesday
Starting 22nd
July 2024

Open to
all year 6's

👍 Year 7 👍

Create the toolkit
needed to overcome
any worries around
starting secondary
school

Helping to build
confidence
around starting
secondary
school

Exploring topics of
change, anxiety,
making new
friendships, bullying
& online safety

withYouth
YOUNG PEOPLE'S Digital Wellbeing Services



Please email withyouth@hertsmindnetwork.org
for more information, or to register your interest.

www.withyouth.org

